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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC APRIL 7, 1973 IS REPEATED
TO YOU: QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 1257

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SUBJECT: OOS: PRC PRESS RELEASE ON US DOCUMENTS

REF: USUN 1231

1. DURING LAST MEETING OF SEABED COMMITTEE THIS SESSION,
PRC CIRCULATED PRESS RELEASE SHORTLY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT
EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO REFERENCE TO REPUBLIC
OF CHINA (TAIWAN) IN PUBLICATION CIRCULATED APRIL 5 BY
US SEABED DEL (REFTEL). PRC MADE NO STATEMENT IN COMITE. PER URGENT
TELCON WITH DEPT, U. S. REP MADE NO COMMENT.

2. TEXT OF PRC PRESS RELEASE IS AS FOLLOWS:

" AS IS WELL KNOWN, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA IS THE SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA AND TAIWAN
IS A PROVINCE OF CHINA. ON APRIL 5, THE UNITED STATES
DELEGATION TO THE SEA- BED COMMITTEE CIRCULATED SOME
PAPERS IN WHICH THE SO- CALLED " REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)"
WAS LISTED. THE CHINESE DELEGATION TO THE SEA- BED
COMMITTEE IS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO SUCH A PRACTICE."

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3. TEXT OF CONTINGENCY STATEMENT WE INTEND
TO USE IN REPOSE TO PRESS OR OTHER QUERIES REGARDING
PRC PRESS RELEASE FOLLOWS:

" WITH RESPECT TO THE REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE U. S.
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PROFESSIONAL PAPER 817 AND THE PUBLICA-
TION OF THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE' S GEOGRAPHER,
BOTH OF WHICH WE CIRCULATED TO THE UN SEABED COMMITTEE,
WE WOULD DRAW ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT DATA ON THE
PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ARE LISTED UNDER THE HEADING
CHINA. ALSO, CONSISTENT WITH OUR POSITION THAT ALL RE-
LEVANT DATA SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IN TECHNICAL DIS-
CUSSIONS OF THIS KIND, DATA PERTAINING TO TAIWAN ARE ALSO
LISTED. IN CONCLUSION, WE NOTE THAT THE UNITED STATES
POSITION ON CHINA REMAINS AS EXPRESSED IN THE SHANGHAI
COMMUNIQUE."

END.
PHILLIPS UNQUOTE ROGERS

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